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APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT (REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT)

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March 23, 2004

Sir:

A request for reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Patent Term Adjustment. This request is made prior to payment of the Issue Fee. The "Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)" accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated December 24, 2003, indicates a patent term adjustment of 130 days. Based on the undersigned's review, it is respectfully submitted that this calculation is incorrect. Accordingly, the undersigned respectfully requests, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.705 that the Patent and Trademark Office correct the Patent Term Adjustment to 160 days as explained below.

The above-identified application was filed on April 6, 2001 and a first Office Action on the merits was not received until March 12, 2003, 279 days in excess of the allowed fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed. (see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.702(a)(1) and 1.703(a)(1)). The applicants responded to the first Office Action on September 12, 2003, 92 days in excess of the

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allowed three months, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b).

Additionally, on June 5, 2001, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office issued a Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application. On October 2, 2001, the applicants filed a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, 27 days in excess of the allowed three months, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b). The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office indicates that applicants have delayed 57 days for the late filing of the Response to Missing Parts, but according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b), the delay should only be calculated <u>after</u> 3 months from the date of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Therefore, instead of 57 days, the delay by applicants is 27 days. Thus, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's calculation of applicants delay is incorrect. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Patent Term Adjustment should be 160 days (279 – (92+27) = 160). The present application is <u>not</u> subject to any terminal disclaimer. The circumstances of applicants' delay under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704 is set forth above.

The Commission is hereby authorized to charge the patent term adjustment fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e), in the amount of \$200.00 to Deposit Account 03-0060. In the event any other fees are deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit any overpayment of fees to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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